Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 24 May 2022 until 23:59 on Wednesday 25 May 2022

Forecast Issued on Monday 23 May 2022 at 16:18 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low confidence in the amount of showers on Tuesday and rainfall timings on Wednesday and Thursday. High confidence for windier conditions from midweek and turning colder with some wintry precipitation on the higher tops and a significant windchill in the northwesterly winds. Turning more settled at the weekend.

Headline for Tuesday 24 May 2022: A day of sunshine and showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 24 May 2022

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Mist	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Sunny intervals	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	10%	30%	30%	30%	10%	10%

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Weather: Any low cloud and mist will begin to clear before dawn, perhaps the Glen Affric area hanging onto the low cloud a little longer in the morning. Most other ranges will have a bright and sunny start to the day but cloud thickening at times with sharp showers passing through, most areas will see some showers but they should be short lived. Dry with some clear spells during the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60% rising to 90%, exposed northern ranges likely to see the most lower cloud in the morning. Perhaps some low cloud arriving into Skye in the evening as frontal rain approaches.

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered cloud bases around 600m are likely in the early morning inland, further west and coastal areas, cloud will be patchier and will lift and clear soon after dawn. Any remaining low cloud is likely to clear during the morning and then we will just see patches of low cloud around any heavier showers when bases may dip to 6 or 700m for a time. Generally very good visibility except in showers, a few showers may turn to hail around the summit of higher munros.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	5/7 NW	7/8 NW	9/11 N	6/9 N	9/14 NW	12/17 W	13/19 W	18/23 SW	23/30 SW
900	5/7 NW	6/7 NW	8/10 N	6/9 N	9/13 NW	12/17 W	13/19 W	17/23 SW	21/29 SW
600	3/5 N	3/5 N	5/7 N	6/9 N	7/12 NW	10/16 W	10/16 W	13/18 SW	16/24 S
300	3/6 NW	2/7 N	3/9 N	4/9 N	5/12 NW	6/15 W	6/16 W	5/17 SW	6/22 S
Glen	2/4 NE	2/4 NE	2/4 NW	3/6 W	7/12 W	9/15 W	6/13 SW	7/15 SW	11/23 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	2/-1	1/-2	2/-2	3/0	4/1	5/1	4/-1	2/-3	2/-4
900	3/0	2/-0	2/-1	4/1	5/2	6/2	4/0	3/-2	3/-3
600	5/4	4/3	4/3	6/4	8/6	8/6	7/4	5/2	5/0
300	7/6	6/6	7/6	10/9	11/10	12/10	10/8	8/7	7/6
Glen	10/9	9/8	10/9	11/11	13/11	13/12	12/11	10/9	10/7
Freezing Level*	1300m	1300m	1200m	1200m	1300m	1400m	1400m	1300m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Feeling quite chilly on the summits with freezing level dipping to near summit level in the morning. Fresh northwesterly winds in the morning.

Forecast for Wednesday 25 May 2022

Weather: Showery rain overnight and increasing cloud as frontal rain moves east across the Northwest Highlands during the night. Rain will turn showery with some heavier periods during the morning, it will be blustery on the hills in the strong westerly winds during the afternoon, gales likely. Showers turning to sleet on the higher tops by late afternoon but dying out in the evening with some clear spells developing.

Maximum wind: Southwest turning westerly 25mph with gusts 40-45mph particularly gusty near showers.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60% improving to 80%, low cloud associated with morning rain will lift and clear in the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered or broken low cloud with bases around 4-500m in the morning. During the afternoon and evening cloud bases will rise above most summits with just patches of low cloud in the west around 6-700m. Visibility will be moderate in rain and showers and may turn poor for a turn as showers move through. Later in the day visibility will be very good and some fine late evening conditions.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 rising to 14 Celsius.
At 800m: Zero rising to 4 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits falling to 1000m later.

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